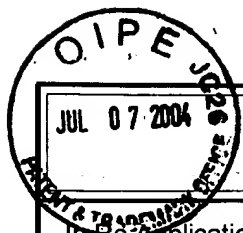


SCRAMBLING UNIT FOR A DIGITAL TRANSMISSION SYSTEM

A scrambling unit for a digital audiovisual transmission system. The scrambling unit includes an input for receiving an assembled transport packet stream from a physically separate multiplexer, a scrambling device for scrambling the received transport stream according to a randomizing control word and an output for sending the scrambled transport stream to a transmitter means for subsequent transmission, so as to permit the scrambling of the transport packet stream by the scrambling unit independently of the multiplexer operations.



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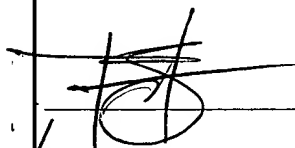
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